

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Road Report

Thursday, May 28, 2015

All road conditions can change RAPIDLY due to weather.

Please contact the nearest visitor center for the most current conditions.

Roads to the East

Name	Date	Road	Comments
Burr Trail	5/27/2015	2WD, 2WD High Clearance	The switchbacks are mostly dry (per Capitol Reef NPS report).
Notom-Bullfrog	5/27/2015	4WD	Very muddy south of Cedar Mesa, 4WD recommended (per Capitol Reef NPS report).
Road to Bullfrog Marina	5/27/2015	4WD High Clearance	Conditions unknown (per Capitol Reef NPS report)
Wolverine Loop	5/25/2015	2WD High Clearance	Heavy hail fell on western arm of Wolverine Loop after my patrol. Might be muddy.
Cedar Wash	5/25/2015	2WD	Well-packed but sandy.
Hole in the Rock	5/28/2015	2WD, 2WD High Clearance	In good 2WD condition to Fortymile Ridge. Helpful to have higher clearance beyond. Recommend HC-4WD for last 7 miles.
Spencer Flat	5/25/2015	2WD	Well-packed and passable.

Roads to the North

Name	Date	Road	Comments
Hells Backbone	5/21/2015	2WD	Passable
Posey Lake to Loa	5/18/2015	2WD High Clearance	Passable all the way over the top and down to Loa.
Whites Flat (FR #142)	5/18/2015	2WD	Passable
Griffin Top	3/6/2015	Impassable	Impassable due to snow.
North Creek (FR #149)	5/18/2015	2WD	Passable
Main Canyon	5/20/2015	2WD	Passable over the top.

Roads to the Central Areas

Name	Date	Condition	Comments
Smoky Mountain - Alvey Wash	5/21/2015	2WD High Clearance	Passable with clearance. Mud in wash crossings.
Left Hand Collet	5/14/2015	4WD High Clearance	Rockfall partially blocks road near top. HC4WD recommended for steep sections. Caution to forecasted rain.
Croton	4/25/2015	2WD High Clearance	Rough south of the 343 (Rogers Canyon) Road.
Smoky Hollow	5/3/2015	2WD High Clearance	HC2WD - deep gravelly areas, a few rough spots.

Roads to the West

Name	Date	Road	Comments
Cottonwood	5/28/2015	4WD High Clearance	Caution: County grader working on the northern end of road. HC 4WD recommended for numerous muddy areas.
Skutumpah	5/28/2015	4WD High Clearance	Grades on northern end are slippery and rutted. Conditions south and west from Willis Creek currently unknown.
Glendale Bench	5/10/2015	2WD	Road was in good 2WD condition
Paria Movie Set	5/25/2015	2WD High Clearance	Muddy in spots. HC 4WD north of the cemetery.
House Rock Valley	5/13/2015	2WD	2WD with caution to a few rough areas.
White House	5/24/2015	2WD	Washboard. Rainstorms making conditions changeable.

